

**Introduced by Senator Romero**

February 17, 2006

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An act to add Section 1797.1991 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to trauma care funding, and making an appropriation therefor.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1350, as introduced, Romero. Trauma care funding: regional funding allocations.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority within the California Health and Human Services Agency to, among other things, provide statewide coordination of county EMS programs, and to administer the Trauma Care Fund.

Existing law establishes the Trauma Care Fund within the State Treasury and continuously appropriates the funds to the authority for distribution to local trauma care centers.

This bill would appropriate \$25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Trauma Care Fund for allocation to each of three regions of trauma care, and would require the funding to be used by each region to develop a trauma care plan that will provide for trauma care coverage to the entire region.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1797.1991 is added to the Health and
- 2 Safety Code, to read:

1 1797.1991. (a) The amount of twenty-five million dollars  
2 (\$25,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to  
3 the Trauma Care Fund for purposes of this section.

4 (b) The authority shall establish three trauma care regions in  
5 the state for purposes of allocating funds under this section. One  
6 region shall encompass southern California, one region shall  
7 encompass central California, and one region shall encompass  
8 northern California.

9 (c) The authority shall divide and allocate the amount  
10 appropriated in subdivision (a) equally between the three regions.

11 (d) Funds allocated to each region by this section shall be used  
12 by each region to develop a trauma care plan that will provide for  
13 trauma care coverage to the entire region.